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**37 C.F.R. § 1.116**  
**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**  
**EXAMINING GROUP 1744**

PATENT  
0365-0531P

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Anne C. RITSCHKOFF et al. Conf.: 9411  
Appl. No.: 10/089,447 Group: 1744  
Filed: March 29, 2002 Examiner: K. Thornton  
For: METHOD OF PROTECTING WOOD

NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE  
PRIMARY EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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Sir:

October 6, 2004

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated April 7, 2004 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 1-18.

This document is being transmitted via the Certificate of Mailing provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.8.

The applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for an extension of three (3) month(s) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a).

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

NO extensions of time have been previously obtained for responding to the Final Rejection. Thus a fee of \$980.00 is required for the full period of the above-requested extension of time.

An extension of \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) month(s) for responding to the Final Rejection was previously requested and paid for on \_\_\_\_\_. Thus a fee of \$0.00 is required to obtain an additional \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) month(s) for filing the Notice of Appeal.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

The Government fee for filing a Notice of Appeal to the Board of Appeals is calculated as follows:

Large entity - \$340.00

Small Entity - \$170.00

Therefore, the TOTAL FEE due for the filing of this Notice of Appeal is \$1,320.00.

Payment of the above TOTAL FEE is being made in the following manner:

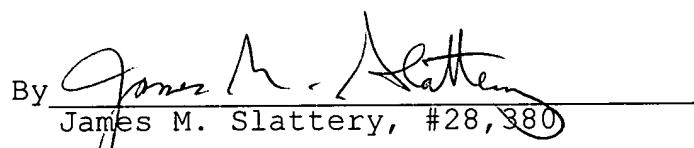
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Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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